

Endangered Species Act

Protecting imperiled animals & plants since 1973



The Endangered Species Act (ESA) recognizes that all plants & animals have value & deserve protection.



Karner blue butterfly
endangered



is the 40th anniversary of the ESA.



The ESA has saved

99%

of listed species from extinction.



Leatherback turtle
endangered



Bald eagle
recovered

Bald Eagle: An ESA success story

From 417 nesting pairs in 1963 to more than 10,000 nesting pairs today.

What we do

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, with our partners:

- Implements and improves the ESA
- Protects threatened & endangered species
- Works with landowners to restore habitat
- Plans a road to recovery for listed species
- Monitors and assesses wildlife populations



Carolina parakeet
extinct (pre-ESA)



Brown pelican
recovered

Why save endangered species?

Biodiversity

Contributions to medicine

Benefits to agriculture

Environmental monitors

Ecosystem support

Economic value

Intangible values

We need your help!

Learn about the species in your area.

Connect with us online to share news & important info with your social networks.



Swamp pink
endangered

Volunteer at your nearest refuge or local conservation group.

Reduce waste & energy consumption.



American alligator
recovered